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## From the Office of the Director of Health

## **Birth Certificate Pricing and Availability**

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department issues certified copies of birth certificates for \$15.00 each at 227 East Chestnut Expressway, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.

To obtain a birth certificate, individuals may choose one of the following options.

- Go Online to <a href="http://health.springfieldmogov.org">http://health.springfieldmogov.org</a> and click on "Birth and Death Certificates" to print out a birth certificate application in English or Spanish. Mail the application and a \$15.00 check or money order to the health department at 227 East Chestnut Expressway, Springfield, MO 65802. The birth certificate will arrive in your mailbox in approximately one week.
- 2. OR, Bring the filled out form, \$15.00 (cash, check or credit card) and a photo I.D. to the health department. If you do not have Internet access, a form will be provided to you when you arrive.
- 3. OR, Call the health department at (417) 864-1411, and order a birth certificate over the phone by charging for \$22.00 to your credit card.
- OR, Go Online to <u>www.vitalchek.com</u>, and for \$22.00 order a birth certificate with your major credit card.

The health department no longer provides wallet-size birth certificate cards. Health department staff can only provide certified copies of Missouri birth certificates for births after 1920. Individuals born outside Missouri should go Online to <a href="www.vitalchek.com">www.vitalchek.com</a> for a list of health departments by state. Fees and delivery times may vary by state. Individuals born before 1920 should send a written request for a birth certificate copy to:

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of Vital Records P.O. Box 570 Jefferson City, MO 65102

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